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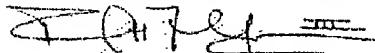
Transmittal Letter and Petition for Extension of Time

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Sir:

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Extension of Time Petition

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of July 25, 2008 to and through December 29, 2008, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of two months (\$245)

Transmitted herewith is Notice of Appeal for this application. The fee of \$270 is included.

Total Fee Due for this submission: \$515 – credit card authorization enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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